

## NORTHAMPTON RETIREMENT BOARD

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## NOTICE

To: MEMBERS OF THE NORTHAMPTON RETIREMENT SYSTEM

An election to choose a member to serve on the Northampton Retirement Board will be held in the Retirement Office, located at 240 Main Street on the first floor of Memorial Hall, on Monday, June 5, 2017 from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. The election will be for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2017.

Any active (member-in-service) or retired member is eligible to run for the office. Nomination papers are available at the Board's office Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Nomination papers containing the signatures of at least twenty active and/or retired members must be completed and returned to the Retirement Office no later than 4:30 P.M. on Friday, April 21, 2017.

In the event only one candidate is nominated, the Board will declare that candidate to be elected, and no election will be held.

In the event of an election, active members may vote in person at the Board's office on June 5, 2017, or by absentee ballot only if he or she: (a) will be absent from Northampton during the polling hours; (b) will be unable to cast his or her vote in person on the day of election for reasons of religious belief; or (c) will be unable to cast his or her vote in person at the polling place by reason of medical condition. Walk-in voters must show identification, and will be checked off the eligible voter list. Requests for absentee ballots shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Retirement Office no later than May 25, 2017. Retirees will receive absentee ballots with their April retirement checks. Absentee ballots will be mailed to the last known address of inactive members no later than Friday, March 3, 2017. Only ballots received prior to the closing of polls will be counted. Any received absentee ballots for which the voter cannot be identified shall not be counted.

In the event of an election, the slate of candidates will be posted on the Retirement Board's website at www.northamptonma.gov within one week following the deadline for filing nomination papers.

Joyce Karpinski, Chairpersor